

Oyez, citizens!

'MOON MAN' TOWN CELEBRATES THE PAST



Cornet William Laidlaw fords Ewes Water — part of the traditional celebrations.

Express Staff Reporter

THE BORDER TOWN of Langholm, Dumfriesshire, which Commander Neil Armstrong has promised to visit, celebrated its ancient past yesterday.

Cornet William Laidlaw, a 26-year-old baker, led 150 riders on the traditional ride round the boundaries of the town. Langholm is the home of the Armstrong clan.

'Warning'

Fair Crier John Elliot, standing on the back of a horse, proclaimed the Langholm Fair open for the 37th year, warning the public that anyone who molested it would have "their lugs nailed to the Tron with a twalpenny nail."

Carried in the procession were the town's emblems, a spade, a barley bannock, a crown and a thistle.